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I have the honour to refer to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2371 (2017), paragraph 19 of Security Council resolution 2375 (2017) and paragraph 17 of resolution 2397 (2017), which call upon all Member States to report to the Council on concrete measures that they have taken to implement effectively the provisions of the resolutions.

In that respect, I have the honour to submit to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) the report of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the implementation of resolutions 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017) (see annex).

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Report of Sri Lanka on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017)

1. The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is committed to implementing Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017), relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

2. Following the adoption of resolution 2321 (2016), Sri Lanka submitted its national implementation report to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) in September 2017 (S/AC.49/2017/91). The present report outlines the steps taken by Sri Lanka in implementing the provisions of resolutions 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017).

3. In order to promulgate the Security Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Sri Lanka, domestic regulations entitled "United Nations (Sanctions in relation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulations of 2017" were gazetted by the Government of Sri Lanka on 6 October 2017, under the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968, in Extraordinary Gazette No. 2039/32. On 17 October 2017, the regulations were tabled in Parliament, thereby giving them effect. That Gazette may be accessed online at www.documents.gov.lk/files/egz/2017/10/2039-32_E.pdf.

4. It may be noted that the regulations give effect to Security Council resolution 1718 (2006) on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as well as its subsequent resolutions 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016) and 2371 (2017) and any other resolutions subsequent to those, including resolutions 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017).

5. Following the Gazette notification, the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence of Sri Lanka was appointed as the competent authority to oversee and monitor the implementation of the regulations in the country. The competent authority convenes regular meetings with all relevant local stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of the regulations in keeping with the relevant Security Council resolutions and in accordance with relevant domestic laws, regulations and administrative procedures. Furthermore, the Ministry of Defence has initiated the process of publishing, in the Gazette, the sanctions list established and maintained pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and the lists of designated items and luxury goods specified in annexes III and IV to resolution 2094 (2013), annex IV to resolution 2270 (2016) and annexes III and IV to resolution 2321 (2016). This will be followed by the gazetting of the contents of the annexes to resolutions 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017).

6. The initial lists of designated items, persons and entities are being translated by the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka into the Sinhala and Tamil languages for gazetting purposes, and the lists will be gazetted by the competent authority by the end of March 2018.

7. Directives for implementing the regulations effectively (including the mechanism for disseminating the updates among reporting institutions) have been drafted and are currently under review by the competent authority. Directives will be issued by the competent authority after the initial lists are published.

8. The Financial Intelligence Unit of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has taken action to publish the public statements of the Financial Action Task Force on its official website, thereby enabling financial institutions to apply enhanced due diligence measures on transactions related to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

9. In compliance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of resolution 2371 (2017), paragraphs 7 to 12 of resolution 2375 (2017) and paragraphs 9 to 15 of resolution 2397 (2017), no vessels of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have been registered in the Sri Lankan registry and there are no vessels of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in operation in Sri Lanka.

10. All the vessels arriving at Colombo Port are reported to Sri Lanka Customs, and such vessels are routinely inspected by Customs officers for compliance. No arrivals of any vessels subject to sanctions have been reported.

11. All commercial air transport operators (both national and foreign), including corporate jet operators operating in the territory of Sri Lanka under licence or permit issued by the Sri Lanka Civil Aviation Authority, and the airport operators have been directed to ensure strict compliance, when conducting specific business matters, with the travel ban on the individuals referred to in annex I to the relevant Security Council resolutions by taking the necessary steps to prevent their entry into or transit through the territory of Sri Lanka by air.

12. By gazetting the 2017 regulations on sanctions relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Government of Sri Lanka has also taken the following measures:

(a) Any person is prohibited from permitting or providing any vessel or aircraft to be used for carrying out all prohibited activities under the regulations or for the purposes of the procurement of coal, iron, ore, copper, nickel, silver, zinc or statues from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or its nationals;

(b) Any person in Sri Lanka or any citizen of Sri Lanka outside Sri Lanka shall not charter or lease an aircraft, provide crew services or sell new helicopters or vessels to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or any person, entity or group acting on its behalf or directed by such persons and shall also refrain from applying to register vessels in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or to use the flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on vessels, from owning, leasing or operating any vessels flagged by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and from providing vessel classification, certification or associated services or insurance services to vessels owned, controlled or operated by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

13. Paragraphs 8 to 10 of resolution 2371 (2017), paragraph 16 of resolution 2375 (2017) and paragraphs 6 and 7 of resolution 2397 (2017) require Member States to prohibit trade with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in sectoral goods, including coal, iron, iron ore, lead, lead ore, textiles, seafood, gold, silver, food and agricultural products, machinery, electrical equipment, rare earth minerals, wood, vessels, all industrial machinery, transportation vehicles, steel and other metals, with the exception of spare parts to maintain commercial civilian passenger aircraft of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea currently in use. No trade of any commodity had taken place between Sri Lanka and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during the period 2016–2017.

14. Any person in Sri Lanka or any citizen of Sri Lanka outside Sri Lanka is prohibited from supplying, selling or transferring, directly or indirectly, any item or any luxury item designated by the Security Council or the Committee to any person in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or any person acting on behalf of the

Democratic People's Republic of Korea, whether or not the item originated in Sri Lanka, and shall also refrain from procuring, storing or transferring any such designated item or designated luxury item.

15. A person in Sri Lanka or a citizen of Sri Lanka outside Sri Lanka shall not provide public or private financial support for trade with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the granting of export credit, guarantees or insurance to a person involved in trade with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and shall not receive technical training, advice, services or assistance related to all illegal activities with regard to the designated items from any person in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or make available any funds, other financial assets or economic resources, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of any designated person or entity or any persons or entities connected thereto.

16. All the relevant departments and ministries of Sri Lanka have taken a number of measures to raise awareness, exercise vigilance and implement the regulations on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

17. In addition to the efforts to effectively implement the provisions of Security Council resolutions concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Government of Sri Lanka supports all efforts for the non-proliferation and disarmament of weapons of mass destruction and condemns the nuclear and ballistic missile tests conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in violation of Council resolutions.

18. The Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council liaises with Sri Lanka Customs to implement the programme for detecting the illicit trafficking of nuclear materials and to ensure continuous control over material, technology and research that can be used for the development of nuclear weapons.

19. The Government of Sri Lanka will continue to contribute to international efforts to strengthen the global non-proliferation regime, and it remains committed to the active pursuit of nuclear disarmament.

20. Sri Lanka takes its obligations under resolutions 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017) and all other Security Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea seriously and will continue to make all efforts to implement effectively the provisions of all resolutions. Sri Lanka also reiterates its commitment to cooperate closely with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009). Sri Lanka will continue to work closely with all Member States towards the full implementation of the resolutions to ensure their effectiveness.